(b) If so, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House the opinions which it expressed in the matter?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR (*Diwan Peishkar*).

(a) No.

(b) This question does not arise in view of the answer given in (a).

Appointments in the Land Revenue Department.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

37. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the following:—

(1) The number of appointments in the Land Revenue Department with pay above Rs. 15;

(2) The percentage of (1) Brahmins, (2) Nayars, and (3) non-caste Hindus holding the said appointments;

(3) The total number of Parvathiakarans and Menons in the Department;

(4) The percentage of non-caste Hindus among them;

(5) The percentage of Nayars; and

(6) The percentage of Brahmins?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR (*Diwan Peishkar*).

A statement giving the information is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix 6.*)

Appointment of Parvathiakarans.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

38. Will the Government be pleased to let the Council know how many applicants there were for the posts of Parvathiakarans and Menons from the non-caste Hindus during the last three years and how many of them were entertained ?

(b) How many caste-Hindu applicants were there for the same posts during the same period and how many of them were entertained?

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(c) In the Survey Training Class opened during this year (1100 M. E.), how many pupils sought admission from (1) the non-caste-Hindu communities, (2) the caste Hindu communities ?

(d) How many were given admission from each ?

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR (*Diwan Peishkar*).

The answers to parts (a) and (b) are given in the statement appended. (*Vide Appendix 7.*)

(c) and (d). 373 caste-Hindus and 32 non-caste Hindus sought admission. 145 caste-Hindus and 15 non-caste Hindus were admitted.

Assignment of Porambokes.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

39. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

i. Whether it has not been the general policy of Municipalities in the State during the last 5 years, not to assign *porambokes* to private individuals ;

ii. Whether Mrs. Paruvakkat Narayana Menon applied for assignment to her of a *poramboke* plot in Trichur adjoining the palace grounds on the northern side ;

iii. Whether the Trichur Municipality agreed to such an assignment ;

iv. Whether the then Diwan of Cochin recommended to the Government the assignment of the said plot ; and

v. Whether any committee was appointed by the Government to report upon the advisability or otherwise of assigning the said plot.

RAO SAHIB T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR (*Diwan Peishkar*).

i. The Municipal Councils are not authorised to assign *porambokes* vested in them and hence they cannot have a policy in the matter.

ii. Yes.

iii. No; but approved of the lease of a portion of it.

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